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COUNTY NEWS.

Court proceedings were crowded out this week by press of politics and will appear in full next issue.

Sid. Parker was acting powder-monkey for Caffrey while he turned his snout machine on his opponent, Taliaferro, this week.

George Ulrick was nominated as constable at White Oaks during his absence, and has informed this office that under no consideration will he serve if elected.

Henry Bellomy never discharged Jones Taliaferro, though often urged to do so. Political grounds was the cause urged. So insolent were the ring in urging this that Bellomy finally told the party sent on this mission that he was running his own office.

The people of White Oaks held a meeting Monday night to select candidates for their local offices. Party lines were not considered in the deliberation, and the following ticket was put in nomination: Justice of the peace, Wm. Caffrey constable Geo. Ulrick, School directors, J. B. Collier, J. A. Brothers and Samuel Bittler.

A boot-black is the latest innovation at Lincoln. The unusual spectacle of a man leaning up against the fence with a member of the black art fraternity rubbing up a "shine," was one of the incidents of Tuesday morning. And the owner of the brogans didn't have the appearance of a dude either. Heretofore the boys have been in the habit of putting the glim on their brogans with a rag tied on the end of a stick.

LOUISVILLE has a bird resembling a crow with a head like a monkey. It must bear a striking resemblance to our local Democratic ticket—Poe and Taliaferro.—[Leader.]

The poor dommed old man must have taken to his "cups" again. As it is known he was strongly in favor of organizing the Republican party in the county, and as that party failed to materialize under his management, and a mongrel peoples party was the result there is a strong suspicion that he was thus compelled to partake too freely of the meat that is bitter and the bird that is black which had to be washed down with more than the usual amount of "lubrication," and while in this condition happened to look into the bottom of the glass when this crow and monkey story was very naturally conjured up by the picture there revealed.

No more deserving and capable man can be found in Lincoln county than our candidate for assessor, W. C. McDonald. Mac. came to White Oaks nearly five years ago where he has lived ever since. He has been employed as a deputy United States mineral surveyor and is known as a man who thoroughly understands his business, and has given general satisfaction. He represented Lincoln county at the Denver Exposition in 1882 giving the best satisfaction. His public and private life have been above reproach which should count for a good deal when it comes to choosing a man for so important an office as that to which the people will elect him next Tuesday.

The miserable sheet, known as the Lincoln County Leader, credits Col. Beall with a large share of responsibility for a Democratic organization in the county. Mr. Beall is proud of the responsibility, but in fact he had nothing to do with the movement. His opponent, Geo. B. Barber, was one of the original committee. Mr. Beall declined all advances to send him to the Territorial convention; was elected delegate to the county convention in his absence from the precinct, but after election was the central figure in the convention, and by his manly, honorable course and eloquent appeals, led the convention harmoniously through the labors of nominating a ticket and was himself the unanimous choice of the convention for Councilman—a position he had repeatedly declined. He wished his personal friend, Pat F. Garrett, to accept the place. Mr. Beall declines to notice the snarling of the mongrel cur who wrote for the Leader. His reputation is safe. From his personal friend, the U. S. District Judge, to the humblest individual who receives his open-handed assistance; from Republicans and Democrats alike he ever receives a merited veneration. As lawyer, husband, parent and gentleman he occupies an honored place among honorable men.

The editor of the Leader is at last enjoying a surfeit of satisfied ambition. He was offered and has accepted, with ready alacrity, the nomination for justice of the peace

from the citizens of White Oaks. After the formal tender of the office had been made, the hilarious old fossil went to his trunk and tenderly drew therefrom a package carefully wrapped in cotton batting and tissue paper, which on being exposed to the garish light of day proved to be a tin sign bearing his name and the cabalistic characters denoting a similar office held by him which had swayed and squeaked in the breezes of some embryo metropolis up in Kansas. This does the old man proud and the Era congratulates him on his new honors and hopes they may never be wiped out with a sponge.

We caution our Democratic friends against circulars and slanders sent out on the eve of election. Such things can always be set down as campaign lies and will not bear ventilation.

Col. Geo. T. Beall, candidate for councilman has proven himself most efficient during the present term of court and made hosts of friends, not only by his affable manner but by close attention to the business entrusted to his hands, fine legal ability and his energy in crowding cases through to a rapid settlement. His defense in the Gill case where the validity of a mine location was involved, was peculiarly able and fought under great disadvantages. Mr. Beall has reason to be proud of the record he is making as the leading attorney of Lincoln county. His record is entirely clean having always appeared for the defense in cases of mine or ranch jumping and is abundantly able to cope with the leading attorneys of the territory. When he is elected to the territorial council which he surely will be, the people can expect many much needed reforms in the way of healthy and vigorous legislation.

The most important case which came up at the present term of court was that known as the Gill ejectment suit. About fifteen years ago Mr. Gill located a claim at the head of Dry Gulch, Nogal district, this county which was duly recorded and all the provisions of the law complied with at the time and a considerable amount of development done. On or about the year 1875 an Indian Reservation was established over this ground and Gill was compelled to leave. Afterwards, in 1882, a certain part of this reservation was again thrown open and the lands on which this claim was situated became a part of the public domain, whereupon Gill once more took possession and has continued to hold it from that time hence, living upon the claim, erecting a mill thereon and kept it in active operation reducing the ore taken from the mine. Last May Timothy Sheehan sunk a hole immediately outside of Gill's surface lines and made a location across the same so as to include the greater part of the prior location. He then served a writ of ejectment on Gill, basing his claim on the fact that the latter had not renewed his location and had the same recorded after the Reservation was set aside. This case has worked up considerable feeling in the community and a change of venue was called for by the attorneys for the plaintiff, John Y. Hewitt and H. B. Fergusson, but denied by Judge Bristol's account of insufficient grounds. They then applied for a continuance and here is where the incongruity and farcical methods of modern jurisprudence comes in and gives us resignation to accept with gratitude the advent of the official interloper from the east, hoping thereby to obtain even temporary relief. Judge Bristol, after arraignment the plaintiff's lawyers in no unstated terms, characterizing their case as one having been trumped up on a technicality, without a shadow of justice or equity and wholly without grounds, for action and their methods not only unprofessional but ungentelemanly, thus, ruling the case virtually out of court yet in less than six hours thereafter he granted a continuance and thereby hung a cloud of nefarious litigation over the richest paying mine in Lincoln county. The mills of the gods are said to grind slowly, but the mill of justice in this long suffering community has shut down for repairs and the boss has gone hunting. Too much credit cannot be accorded to Geo. T. Beall, the attorney for the defence, who fought this case step by step, with rare ability and untiring energy and would have won but for this eccentric and snap-dragging penchant of the court.

DEATH ON THE TRAIL.

Deputy Sheriff Jasper Corn Foully Murdered While in Discharge of His Duty.

It will be remembered that about the 28th day of May last, Nicolas Aragon, who was under sentence at this place for horse stealing broke jail and made good his escape, since that time Sheriff Poe has been diligently at work to discover his whereabouts and not long since learned that he was lurking in the vicinity of Gallinas springs about twenty five miles south of Las Vegas. He at once dispatched Jasper Corn, one of his most fearless and trustworthy deputies to arrest him and bring him back to Lincoln. For a week or more past the sheriff has been expecting the deputy in with his prisoner. Judge then of his surprise and confusion on Monday to receive a letter giving an account of the attempted arrest and the untimely killing of the officer. The particulars of this sad affair are as follows:

Corn arrived at the springs about ten days since and had been lying low waiting for an opportunity. Last Thursday night Aragon had some trouble with a couple of women at Coyote springs about two miles distant, and this news was brought to the deputy sheriff by a lady who visited the place to inquire after a friend or relative, and identified Aragon as one of the party. The sheriff then determined to surround the house and make good the capture of his man. Corn's brother-in-law W. L. Hollman, and a man named Jim Lane, accompanied the deputy. Previous to this small party starting out Martin Salgado left Gallinas Springs for Coyote to inform Aragon that the officers were about to surround him, and Corn noticing this, and riding a horse more fleet of foot than his companions, started out in hot pursuit of the spy, and bade his friends to follow as closely as possible. Martin reached the hut in advance of the officer and put the escaped prisoner on his guard. Taking advantage of the situation Aragon rushed from his place just as Corn was nearing, and made a break down the hill for the river. The officer espied his man and gave hot pursuit, but Aragon had sufficient start to reach the river before he could be overtaken. He jumped over a stone wall and took a defensive position behind it. Corn rode on fearlessly, believing the man to be wholly unarmed, at least having nothing more than a six shooter. But as he neared Aragon the latter fired at him from behind the wall with a Winchester hitting his horse in the shoulder. The animal fell and slid for fully twenty feet upon his breast and hind legs, and turned over on his side, breaking Corn's ankle, holding him fast and powerless to act. Aragon then fired his second and third shots, the ball of the latter passing just below the short ribs of the sheriff's right side. At the third shot the horse became frightened and sprang to his feet leaving the deputy free. Aragon then set out on a run for the timber, near by, while Corn crawled along the river bank and emptied his six shooter at the thief; but it is thought he escaped unhurt. The deputy's friends then came upon the scene, and one was dispatched to Whitmore's ranch for a conveyance while the other remained with the wounded officer. In the meantime the thief was making good his escape, and once in the timber there was no show to capture him. A spring wagon carried the dying man back to the springs where medical aid was called, but all to no purpose, he having passed from earth into the hereafter at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. His body was laid in its last resting place yesterday, near the Springs.

Aragon will undoubtedly be captured either dead or alive, in the course of a few days, as it will be nearly impossible for him to escape from where he was last seen without being observed by some of the ranchmen, and the community is thoroughly aroused. Jasper Corn was a faithful active and efficient officer entirely reckless of danger and unknown to fear, and in his untimely death the county will lose a vigilant servant, whose place will be hard to fill, and his friends a generous and whole-souled companion.

NOTICE.
At a meeting of the Lincoln County stock Association held at Roswell, N. M., on the 25th, day of October 1884. Article 13 of the by-laws relating to rewards was so changed as to read \$500 instead of one thousand dollars as heretofore.

W. E. ANDERSON, President.
J. J. DOLAN, Secretary.

PENASCO--Oct. 23rd.

There has been 75 legal voters registered in this precinct and more to register yet.

The people of this precinct propose to stick together and protect themselves at all hazards.

Preston Collier has been employed to teach a school in the Twelve Mile Canyon and will commence next Monday.

Every one here is going to vote for John W. Poe, for sheriff W. C. McDonald for assessor and Jones Taliaferro for clerk. Can other precincts do as well.

There has been an abundance of rain fall here the past few weeks making it very disagreeable for those who were putting up hay, but the last few days have been pleasant sunshine and we think the rainy season over for this year.

Parties who contemplate bringing large herds of cattle in this section without having previously secured water rights to give them control of range sufficient for the same will do well to send to the President or Secretary of the District Protective Association of Precinct No. 9 Lincoln county N. M. for a copy of their by-laws, and resolutions.

There is great excitement here among the friends of Robert Black who was murdered in Socorro some time ago upon hearing through Mr. T. C. Tillotson who received a letter from a prominent lady living in Socorro that Black lay for more than 24 hours after being murdered without receiving any attention and the people had to make up a purse to bury him. It is too bad to think that a man who was esteemed as Robert Black was in this locality should be followed up, robbed of everything and then murdered and left for the public to inter. Justice demands an investigation. Your correspondent is personally acquainted with the Hon. Judge C. C. McCommas prosecuting attorney for the 2nd Judicial District and feels assured that he will use every effort in his power to bring the guilty parties to justice.

There has been quite a change on the Agua Chiquita since Mr. A. C. McDonald purchased the Nick Booth and Sutton ranches. The houses of Booth and Sutton that were ventilated by port holes giving them the appearance of a fort has been considerably changed since Mr. McDonald came in possession of the same. One has been turned into a peaceable residence where Mr. McDonald and family reside and the other into a church where divine services are held every Sabbath and Sabbath school immediately after. Mr. Terrel is supt. of the Sabbath school. Among the most prominent teachers are his daughters Misses Rosa and Josie, it is needless to say that all the young men, old bachelors and widowers have become the most conspicuous attendants and among this large assembly not a single dude can be seen but there are several cases of loco and a number of new ones expected.

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The clique has been hunting high and low principally low, for material on which to base charges against John Poe and one who is in the ring boasted that he had secured a grand jury to that especial purpose. The simple fact that nothing was found is all the vindication that Mr. Poe needs.

The old man libelous accuses the Democratic candidate for clerk of being a cut-off. He may have stopped a little short perhaps, but no one will ever accuse him of being a bloot. If he had been as pliable as that old duffer he might have stretched until he was a bigger man then the Irish giant that used to poke his head out of the mansard roof of a show tent.

The editor of the Libel seems to consider it a great crime to have organized the Democratic party. He is reminded of the fact that one year ago he published a call for a Republican convention at this place which was made wholly by the cabal and without consulting any members of the county central committee. At different times since, he has tried to organize the same party but the movement was opposed by leading Republicans on the grounds that his blackguard sheet would assume to be the party organ which was too much for even a decent Republican to swallow.